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SUBJECT: PEEVISH NOTE AS UNIVERSITY ENROLLMENT STARTS

SUMMARY. AS UNIVERSITY ENROLLMENT GETS UNDERWAY, THE STUDENT HERO OF LAST YEAR'S EXPLOSIVE ROW OVER EXAMINATIONS HAS ISSUED A PEEVISH PRONOUNCEMENT THAT COMES CLOSE TO AGITATING STUDENTS TO FURTHER ASSAULTS ON THE EDUCATION SYSTEM. IN KEEPING WITH THE APPARENT CONSTRICTION OF THE POLITICAL MOVEMENT AT PRESENT, CENTRAL MEDIA AND OTHER PROVINCES HAVE YET TO PICK UP HIS REMARKS WHICH WERE BROADCAST WITHOUT EDITORIAL COMMENT ON LIAONING RADIO. END SUMMARY.

1. CHANG TIEH-SHENG, THE LIAONING YOUTH WHOSE COMPLAINT AT UNIVERSITY ENROLLMENT EXAMS SPEARHEADED LAST YEAR'S ROW OVER EDUCATION POLICY, AND PRESAGED THE CURRENT POLITICAL MOVEMENT, HAS DELIVERED A PEEVISH ANNIVERSARY PRONOUNCEMENT. IN AN ARTICLE BROADCAST ON LIAONING RADIO JULY 19, CHANG RECALLS HIS ACTION LAST YEAR AND THE ATTENTION IT WON, BUT GOES ON TO NOTE THAT

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THE STRUGGLE IS NOT OVER: /THERE ARE STILL SOME PEOPLE WHO HAVE

BEEN INDIFFERENT TO WHAT I HAVE DONE. OTHERS EVEN HAVE GONE SO FAR AS TO LAUNCH VICIOUS CRITICISM AND DELIBERATE ATTACKS AGAINST ME...."

2. CHANG CHARGES THAT THE BOURGEOIS TRADITIONALISTS IN EDUCATION ARE STILL UP TO TRICKS AND "EVEN NOW RESORT TO A VARIETY OF TACTICS TO FULFILL THEIR ASPIRATIONS FOR STAGING A COMEBACK." HE CHARGES THEN WITH CONTINUING TO OPPOSE ENROLLMENT OF WORKER-PEASANT-SOLDIER STUDENTS AND WITH GIVING THE WRONG, OLD STYLE INTELLECTUAL EXAMS. HE COMES CLOSE TO AGITATING WHEN HE ADDS; "SOME STUDENTS...ALSO TAKE A 'VACILLATING AND WAIT AND SEE' ATTITUDE TOWARD THE REVOLUTION IN EDUCATION."

3. CHANG REVEALS THAT SINCE ULTIMATELY WINNING ADMISSION TO UNIVERSITY LAST YEAR, HE HAS REMAINED A POLITICAL ACTIVIST. GOIAND OTTCRS FOUND THINGS AMISS INHFUMXSCHOOL AND SUBSEQUENTLY PUT UP A POSTER, ENTITLED "THE FIRST ROUND OF GUNSHOTS," CRITICIZING THE REACTIONARY TREND. THIS, HE CLAIMS, DREW STRONG OBJECTIONS FROM TRADITIONALISTS.

4. CHANG'S ARTICLE HAS THUS FAR TO OUR KNOWLEDGE NOT BEEN PICKED UP IN MEDIA ELSEWHERE, NOR HAS LIAONING RADIO COMMENTED UPON IT.

5. COMMENT. CHANG'S PEEVISHNESS COULD BE A FOREWARNING OF RENEWED TROUBLE AS THIS YEAR'S UNIVERSITY ENROLLMENT GETS UNDERWAY (WR 30). AT PRESENT THE POLITICAL MOVEMENT APPEARS TO BE IN A CONSTRICTIVE PHASE WITH INCREASINGLY CLEAR SIGNALS THAT AUTHORITATIVE FORCES AT THE CENTER ARE CONCERNED OVER DISRUPTIONS ALREADY CAUSED IN THE COURSE OF THE MOVEMENT (HONG KONG 8345). AGITATION AMONG STUDENTS WOULD NOT BE WELCOMED BY THOSE ELEMENTS IN THE REGIME, AND THIS IS PROBABLY REFLECTED IN THE FAILURE OF CENTRAL MEDIA THUS FAR TO PICK UP CHANG'S PRONOUNCEMENT. (NCNA'S JULY 23 FILE WAS NOTICEABLY THIN IN VOLUME AS WELL AS SUBSTANCE.)

6. FROM ANOTHER, HIGHLY IMAGINARY PERSPECTIVE, IT IS POSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY CHANG'S SUFFERING ALOUD OF PERSONAL PERSECUTION WITH THE MARTYRDOM MANY POSTER PASTERS HAVE BEEN CLAIMING.
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